



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

Room E-400, State Capitol

Charleston 25305

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JIC Advisory Opinion 1992-14

Dear Judge :

Your recent correspondence to Counsel for the Judicial Investigation Commission has been referred to the full Commission for its consideration. In that letter you asked if a judge or a judicial candidate can participate as a delegate in the Democratic or Republican National Convention. After reviewing your correspondence, the Commission feels that it would not be appropriate for a judge or judicial candidate to participate as a delegate in the Democratic or Republican National Convention.

This opinion is based upon the pertinent language contained in Canon 7A (2) and (4). This language states:

Canon 7

A Judge Should Refrain from Political Activity Inappropriate to His Judicial Office

A. Political Conduct in General.

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- (2) A judge may attend political gatherings, speak to such gatherings on subjects permitted under Canon 4A, [A judge may speak, write, lecture, teach, and participate in other activities concerning the law, legal system, and the administration of justice.] identify himself as a member of a political party, and contribute to a political party or political organization recognized by law.

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- (4) A judge should not engage in any other political activity except on behalf of measures to improve the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice.

These provisions of Canon 7 would preclude a judge or judicial candidate from participating as a delegate in the Democratic or Republican National Convention. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Very truly yours,



Fred L. Fox, II
Acting Chairman

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